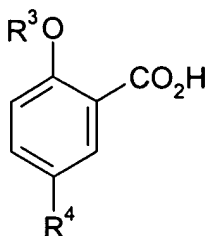


## Claims

1-21 (Canceled)

22. (new) A compound of formula (XI)

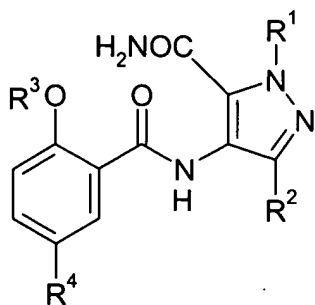


(XI)

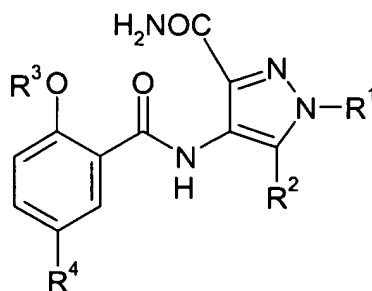
wherein  $\text{R}^3$  is  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_6$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_4$  alkoxy;  
 $\text{R}^4$  is  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8$ ;  
 $\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{R}^8$ , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a 4- $\text{R}^{10}$ -piperazinyl group; and  
 $\text{R}^{10}$  is H or  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkyl optionally substituted with OH,  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkoxy or  $\text{CONH}_2$ ;

with the proviso that when  $\text{R}^3$  is ethyl,  $\text{R}^4$  is not 4-methylpiperizin-1-ylsulfonyl.

23. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (IXA) or (IXB):

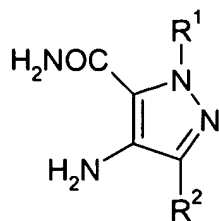


(IXA)



(IXB)

comprising reacting a compound of formula (XA) or (XB) respectively

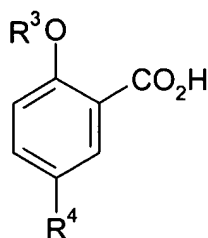


(XA)



(XB)

with a compound of formula (XI)



(XI)

wherein

$R^1$  is  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alkyl substituted with  $C_3$  to  $C_6$  cycloalkyl,  $CONR^5R^6$  or a N-linked heterocyclic group selected from pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl and 4- $R^9$ -piperazinyl;  $(CH_2)_n$ Het or  $(CH_2)_n$ Ar;

$R^2$  is  $C_1$  to  $C_6$  alkyl;

$R^3$  is  $C_1$  to  $C_6$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkoxy;

$R^4$  is  $SO_2NR^7R^8$ ;

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently selected from H and  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkyl optionally substituted with  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkoxy, or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl or 4- $R^9$ -piperazinyl group;

$R^7$  and  $R^8$ , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a 4- $R^{10}$ -piperazinyl group;

$R^9$  is  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkyl;

$R^{10}$  is H or  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkyl optionally substituted with OH,  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  alkoxy or  $CONH_2$ ;

Het is a C-linked 6-membered heterocyclic group containing

one or two nitrogen atoms as the only heteroatoms therein, optionally in the form of its mono-N-oxide, or a C-linked 5-membered heterocyclic group containing from one to four heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, wherein either of said heterocyclic groups is optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, halo and NH<sub>2</sub>;

Ar is phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, halo, CN, CONH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHSO<sub>2</sub> (C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl) and SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>;

and n is 0 or 1.